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WHY THEY LOSE

Non-Support By Tribune and Daily News Beat Schwartz Only Real Council Fighter Against Thompson

The one alderman who has fought alleged extravagance by the City Hall administration early and late and at all times is Alderman U. S. Schwartz.

He above all other public officials has made an open and consistent fight for the taxpayers.

Yet neither the Tribune or Daily News endorsed him when he was a candidate for Board of Review, at the late election.

One of them endorsed Litsinger against Schwartz, the other praised Litsinger and hardly noticed Schwartz.

In some districts each of these papers supported openly the Thompson candidates, who were running against anti-Thompson people. They didn't know the difference. Yet they continue to roast "Thompsonism."

Politicians noticed these facts, and are still talking about them.

No wonder Thompson wins, when the Tribune and Daily News oppose him.

Thompson was a big winner in other directions, at the late election, due mainly to the Tribune and News.

His friend Peter Hoffman was endorsed by them for Sheriff and that strong office is now added to the Thompson string of sausages.

It is reported that the Thompson people will share well in the selection of deputies, bailiffs and other subordinates to be appointed by the new sheriff.

The county town bosses are really all with Thompson.

That is why Judge De Young of Harvey now running for Supreme Judge, elected to stand by the Thompson judicial state last June.

He had been appointed to a judicial vacancy by Governor Lowden, but stood by Thompson who unhorsed Lowden.

One of the most powerful Cook County Republicans, William H. Weber of the board of assessors, who is regarded as the boss of country district republicans in Cook county, is said to have influenced Mr. De Young to stick to the mayor and Lundin.

Thompson formally opened his campaign for re-election at a big meeting of his followers, at Medinah Temple Tuesday night.

Ham Lewis has the correct idea about running for mayor in Chicago. He is quoted as saying that he may not return to Chicago. But if he does — Well, some others who have returned are said to be in the running. It is now considered necessary to return to the city to make a race for mayor.

James R. Ofield, president of the Bon Air Coal and Iron corporation, has been elected president of the Lake Shore Athletic club, of which there are now more than 1,500 elected members.

Other officers elected are Dr. W. A. Pennington of Northwestern university, vice-president; Lawrence H. Whiting, treasurer; J. G. Loomis, secretary, and Roy D. Keen, attorney. The directors consist of the following: Allen Jackson, Charles Fernald, H. H. Kuhl, J. Milton Trainer, Tom Murray, Col. C. H. Patterson, George Montgomery, Weymouth Kirkland and A. B. Booth.

A five-cent taxicab rate between points in the loop was predicted for Chicago by Edward S. Jordan, president of the Jordan Motor Car Company. As a solution of the traffic problem here, he suggested one-way streets with a speed limit of about

thirty miles an hour, subways, parking zones outside the loop and the replacement of surface cars with busses.

George E. Brennan, popular and respected Democratic leader, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is rapidly convalescing, and his many friends will be glad to know that he will soon be able to meet them again.

Alderman Dorsey Crowe's fight for a beach between Huron and Ohio streets to replace the present Oak street beach won several supporters in the council finance committee when he asked that \$65,000 be provided in the 1923 budget for filling in the shore. Alderman Dennis A. Horan argued that with lockers on the Municipal Pier the location would be convenient for loop workers.

The Fair is to construct a garage and store building at 2354-2520 Lawrence avenue at a cost of \$185,000, according to a building permit taken out yesterday. The architect is Mundie & Johnson and the general contractor H. D. Moreland Co. The one-story brick building will be 157x 313 feet in size.

MADISON STREET BRIDGE AT LAST

Madison Street's fifth bridge to span the river was opened to street car traffic Wednesday by City Engineer Alexander Murdock.

The new bridge and viaduct approaches cost \$1,850,000, of which \$250,000 was paid by the Union Station company. Work started December 1, 1919, but was held up from February 23, to July 31, 1922 by lack of funds.

Each leaf, weighing 2,000 tons, is operated by seventy-five horse power electric motors. The bridge is 221 feet long, 72 feet wide and will be protected with automatic signals which prevent opening until they are in operation.

The first bridge, built in 1849, was of wood and provided by public subscription, according to Engineer Thomas Pihlfeldt.

The second, built in 1857, was an iron hand-operated swing bridge. The tax levy for this aroused vigorous protests.

This was replaced in 1875 by a steam operated bridge which gave way in 1891 to the structure, reinforced in 1909 to provide for the increased traffic.

FIRE COMMISSIONER CULLERTON IN CHARGE

John F. Cullerton, Fire Commissioner of the City of Chicago, able, industrious and progressive, was at his desk in the City Hall on Monday for the first time since his appointment and confirmation. His office was banked with flowers from friends, and everybody wished and continues to wish him long life and prosperity.

Who will be Coroner to succeed Hoffman? It is reported that a non-partisan combination in the County Board may elect James M. Dailey to the place. James H. Lawley is talked of as a Straight Republican candidate.

It is said that George F. Harding has succeeded Lundin as Thompson leader.

A Washington dispatch says that William Wrigley Jr., George Marcy and Fred W. Upham arrived from Chicago to be house guests of President Harding. Mr. Upham said the visit has no political significance. The party went golfing with the President, the first time he has played with any except his immediate official family since Mrs. Harding was taken ill.

Four additional judges to sit in the Criminal Court were requested by Chief Justice McKinley in a letter sent to the executive committee of the Circuit and Superior courts. Judge McKinley stated that the calendars of the sitting Criminal Court judges were already crowded and were likely to become dangerously congested, due

to the approaching school board scandal cases. He asked that the extra judges be assigned to take up their duties in the January term of the coming year.

Auditing of the school board's entangled mass of books and accounts to determine the amount of graft and misappropriations that the grand jury alleges have taken place will be paid for by \$20,000 subscribed by the council, not from the appropriation made last week by the board.

This was determined at a conference in the office of Attorney General Brundage attended by Mr. Brundage, his three assistants who will prosecute the school inquiry, Dr. John Dill Robertson, representing the school board, and Alderman John A. Richert.

EAGLETS

Hundreds of people who have read of the auto owner who "puts it all over the police" stopped on last Saturday to view the famous City Hall pet's car. It stood all Saturday afternoon just half a block west of the City Hall.

Many policemen stopped and commented on the spectacle. One well-known citizen exclaimed: "We have a hell of a police department."

The Chicago Police Department is a joke.

The City Hall pet who threatens to "get" traffic policemen who hand him "slips" for parking for hours on Washington street is still defying the law.

A police force that plays favorites and makes fish of some and flesh of others can never be efficient.

The joy riders union laughed when it was announced that Chicago's streets in the near future will be patrolled not only by foot policemen but also by automobile squads, Chief of Police Fitzmorris said, after the council finance committee had voted him authority to purchase thirty-five Ford and six Cadillac automobiles.

"We will cover the city on wheels

UNION ON MAYOR

Attorney General Brundage Asks Republican Factions to Drop Differences and Unite to Clean City Hall

Attorney General Brundage started something the other night that has set Republicans to talking about his good advice about uniting on one good man for mayor to beat Thompson and win in the spring.

It was at a big dinner at the Parkway Hotel of the Republican organization of the new 44th and 46th wards carved out of Mr. Brundage's old 23rd ward on the North Side.

Mr. Brundage did not mince matters in his speech on the mayoralty.

"The man we support for mayor in the approaching campaign," he said, "must be a man we can count upon

ask is that he be fair to the city and to the people of the community."

One of the objects of the joint dinner was the selection of a candidate for alderman from each of the two wards represented.

Ald. Thomas O. Wallace was enthusiastically indorsed for alderman of the Forty-fourth ward and John W. Belmont, a real estate man and an active supporter of Brundage for years, was indorsed for election from the Forty-sixth.

Sidney Smith gets off some great truths in his wonderful "Gump" cartoons in the Tribune.

On Friday November 24, he had "Andy Gump" soliloquizing on politics.

"Here is a great Chicago truth uttered by 'Andy Gump' on that date: 'IN A POLITICAL LANDSLIDE I'VE SEEN MANY A GUY ELECTED TO A JUDGESHIP WHO KNEW AS MUCH ABOUT LAW AS A CHIMPANZEE—THEY VOTE FOR A SENTIMENT—NOT FOR A CONDITION.'"

Isn't that the truth? A number of good men are chosen for the bench in Chicago. But a number of unfit men are chosen also.

And if the unfit men have slipped into the job before through "landslides" or otherwise, or if they have been endorsed by the Chicago Bar Association, the big dailies at once advise the people to vote for them.

This has led to the selection of some judges who are not fit to be dog catchers.

Real lawyers who are too busy with their professional duties to log-roll for votes in a bar primary are left at the post.

Thomas H. Byrne was made superintendent of streets when the civil service commission announced he headed the examination last August. The position pays \$5,500 a year. Mr. Byrne is Republican committeeman of the old Twenty-eighth Ward.

Judge Frank S. Righeimer will become counsel for the School Board next week.

The packers' "merger" looks very peculiar just now when foodstuffs are soaring in price.

The Australian ballot has proven one thing to the dissatisfaction of every honest person. It is the one ballot that makes fraudulent voting easy. The short pencil is defeating many men at many elections.

Repeating and fraudulent voting at elections is said to be one of the latest fads. The public no longer views this sort of thing seriously.

On Tuesday of this week the City Hall pet was back on the Washington street job within a block of the City Hall with the rear end of his car out a foot from the curb. He killed time and defied the police as long as he felt like it—as usual.

Probably the most important downtown police problem is fighting congestive parking. Chicago needs a police force that is not afraid to do its duty.

Members of the Elks Club whose building is located in this block complain of the fact that if their cars are left parked ten minutes longer than the legal time they are summoned into court. They ask why the City Hall pet can park his car as long as he wants to.

Crime is rampant in the city. If a lawbreaker is permitted to openly defy the law within a block of the office of the Chief of Police why shouldn't crime be rampant?

The Chicago police department is demoralized. It lacks a head and policemen are only human. Unless they are supported in doing their duty by

those over them, why should they imperil their jobs by enforcing the law on everybody but City Hall pets?

August, September, October and part of November—four months. That's a pretty long time and in nearly every day of that time, some days excepted, a city hall pet was permitted to park his auto in Washington street for hours at a time in spite of the police and to the astonishment and disgust of the public. That's a record.

Police favoritism in the matter of loop parking is a public scandal.

Chicago has a good police force without a head.

THAT SOUTH WATER STREET MELON

If South Water Street does not look out it will not be improved.

Threats to abandon the \$20,000,000 South Water st. improvement unless his work was left unimpeded were made by Michael J. Faherty, president of the Board of Local Improvements, before the council finance committee.

Mr. Faherty made the threat in answer to a letter from the committee telling him that in its opinion, the city's share of the cost of the improvement should be limited to \$3,000,000 left from the original \$3,800,000 bond issue for the project.

CHICAGO ELKS ARE GROWING

Chicago lodge No. 4, B. P. O. E., will initiate the largest class in its history at the Medinah temple on Thursday evening, Dec. 7.

Following the initiation the burning of the mortgage bonds on the club house at 174-176 West Washington street will take place with proper ceremony, over which Exalted Ruler William J. Sinek will preside. The Elks have outgrown their present club house and have plans under way for a new home to take care of their membership at an estimated cost of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

The traffic police are disgusted with the lack of support they get from their superiors.

Favoritism in parking, shown to City Hall pets, is causing more comment every day.

How policemen can do their duty toward some infractors and be prevented from doing their duty towards immune violators of the law demands a change somewhere.

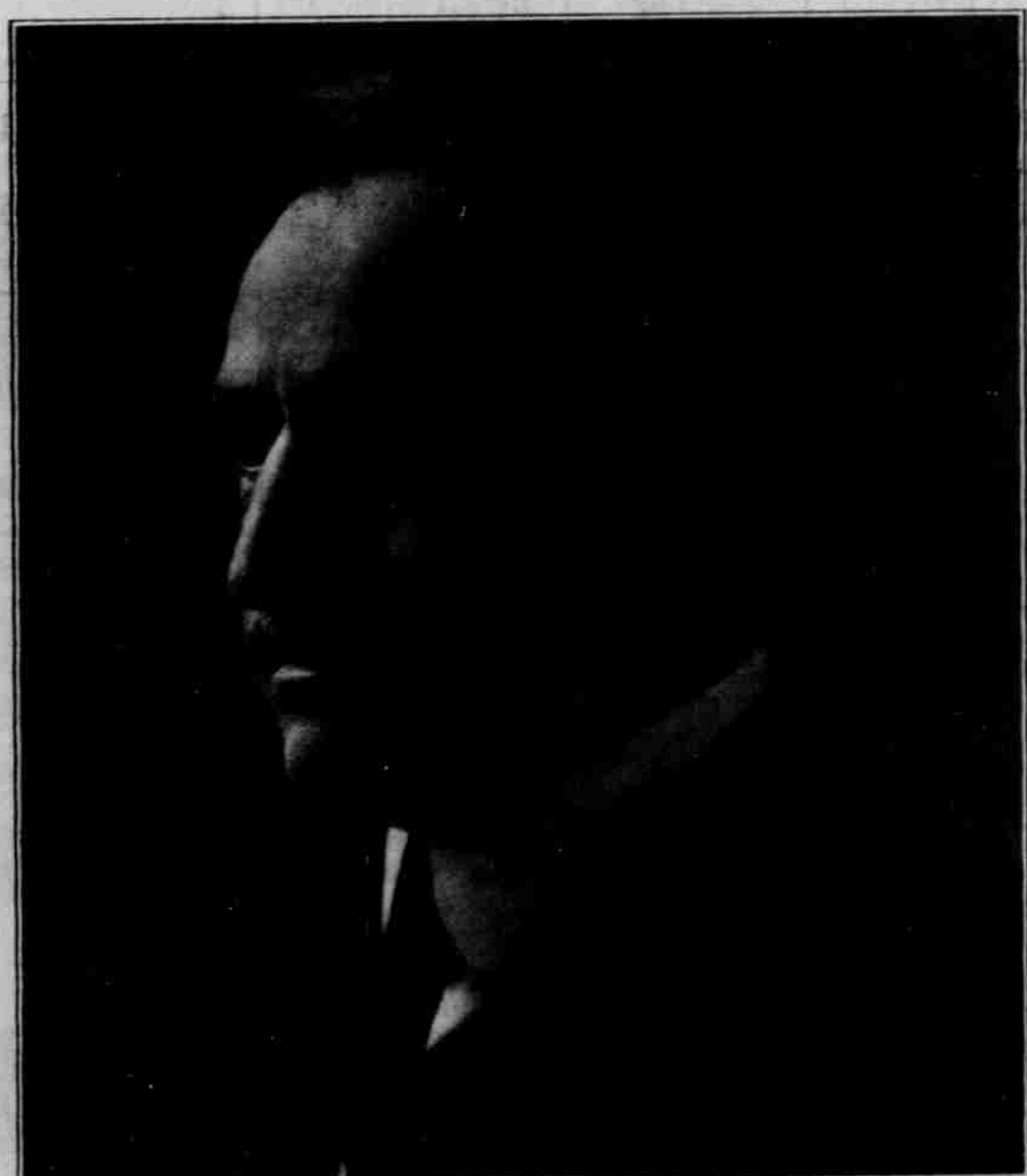
In the block on Washington Street between LaSalle and Wells Streets one man has been permitted to park his car for hours every day.

Simon J. Gorman, who made such a great run and led the Democratic ticket for Congress-at-large at the late election, is much talked of for Election Commissioner. He would make a popular and able member of the election board.

Judge Bernard P. Barasa, one of the best vote getters in the Republican party, is much talked of for mayor by numbers of his friends.

Sam Gessler, the popular Lincoln Park commissioner, would make a good city treasurer.

If William Wrigley, Jr., would permit the use of his name, he could be elected mayor of Chicago on a nonpartisan ticket.



COLONEL B. A. ECKHART.
Merchant Miller, Banker and Public Spirited Citizen.

chairman of the council committee on finance.

It was said that the audit will start as soon as the council committee decides upon a concern to do the work.

West Side Boulevards are ignored almost entirely by teamsters who drive across them at will and endanger people in autos.

The drivers of mail motor trucks imagine that they own the boulevards because their contractor boss works for Uncle Sam. As a rule they pay no attention to the rights of other vehicles and cause many accidents.

Close the North Branch to commerce. Make it a sewer. Roof it over with a fine boulevard. That's the way to stop the smell and kill a breeding place for mosquitos.

as well as on foot," he said. "As soon as the Fords are painted a police blue with the name 'Police' below the windshield, I will assign one to each station. Three or four uniformed men will be detailed to cover streets of each district, observing conditions as they ride along and making stops and investigations as they find necessary. In addition, there will be the regular foot patrols.

The larger cars will be used to replace an equal number which have traveled as high as 75,000 miles within the last two years. They are used by the bandit squads.

to clean out the present misgovernment of the city hall.

"He must be a man who has had experience in big affairs, a man who will rise above all factional differences, a man whose loyalty to the people will arouse public confidence.

"One of the difficulties encountered in the past, the obstacle of factional selfishness, should not be allowed, in this period of the city's tremendous need, to prevent unification of the decent citizenship of the community behind such a man.

"So far as I'm concerned, and I'm sure I speak for you, too, in this, we will be for any good man who can and will administer the affairs of the city honestly and capably regardless of whether he has been or has not been identified with us in any way. All we

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